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# **Advisory Announcement**

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# 2020/21 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following area will be closed for the remainder of the 2020/21 sea cucumber season:

#### District 7:

Zimovia Strait and Anita Bay (Subdistricts 107-30 and 35).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 9, 2020:

#### District 1:

Revillagigedo Channel, Thorne Arm, and East Behm Canal (Subdistricts 101-41, 43, and 53);

West Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-85);

#### **District 2:**

Thorne Bay and Kasaan Peninsula (Subdistrict 102-70);

#### District 9:

Southeast Baranof (Subdistrict 109-10);

#### District 13:

Peril Strait (Subdistricts 113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 9, and from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2020:

#### District 7:

Southern Ernest Sound (Subdistrict 107-10);

#### **District 8:**

Stikine Strait and Chichagof Passage (Subdistricts 108-10, 20, and 40).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 9, and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, November 10, 2020:

#### District 1:

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30);

#### District 2:

Moira Sound (Subdistrict 102-30);

#### District 3:

Eastern shore of Dall Island and Soda Bay (Subdistrict 103-40);

#### District 7:

Northern Ernest Sound (Subdistrict 107-20);

Bradfield Canal, Blake Channel, and Eastern Passage (Subdistricts 107-40 and 45);

#### **District 8:**

South Mitkof and North Zarembo Islands (Subdistrict 108-30);

#### District 11:

Seymour Canal (Subdistricts 111-11, and 14);

#### District 12:

Northern Chatham Strait (Subdistricts 112-16, 17, 63, and 65);

#### **District 13:**

Baranof Island Shoreline, Necker and Rakof islands, West Crawfish Inlet, and Crawfish Inlet (Subdistricts 113-31, 32, and 33);

Sitka Sound (Subdistricts 113-38 and 41);

#### District 14:

Excursion Inlet and Homeshore (Subdistricts 114-25-002 and 114-80).

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial sea cucumber fishery announcement dated August 31, 2020, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels. The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on **Thursday, November 12, 2020**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M3720.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

State offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, in observance of Veterans Day.

Due to the safety measures implemented by the building operator in response to the COVID-19 community risk level raising to high, the Ketchikan ADF&G building is to remain locked. The office will be staffed. Please call (907) 225-5195 for assistance.

2020/21 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery **Statistical Week 45** 

|  | Harvest                    | Remaining |           |         |  |
|--|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--|
| Area Description                       | Area(s)                    | GHL       | to Date   | GHL     |  |
| West Shore of Gravina Island           | 101-29                     | 58,700    | 54,468    | CLOSED  |  |
| Boca De Quadra                         | 101-30                     | 57,000    | ***       | ***     |  |
| Revilla Channel, Thorne Arm, East Behm | 101-41, 43, and 53         | 90,400    | 80,185    | 10,215  |  |
| West Behm Canal                        | 101-85                     | 42,800    | 29,265    | 13,535  |  |
| Moira Sound                            | 102-30                     | 156,800   | 80,003    | 76,797  |  |
| Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula          | 102-70                     | 67,600    | ***       | ***     |  |
| East Dall Island & Soda Bay            | 103-40                     | 140,000   | 18,733    | 121,267 |  |
| Southern Ernest Sound                  | 107-10                     | 80,400    | ***       | ***     |  |
| Northern Ernest Sound                  | 107-20                     | 136,000   | 99,693    | 36,307  |  |
| Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay             | 107-30 and 35              | 101,800   | 98,270    | CLOSED  |  |
| Bradfield, Blake & Eastern Passage     | 107-40 and 45              | 22,100    | ***       | ***     |  |
| Stikine Strait & Chichagof Passage     | 108-10, 20, and 40         | 30,800    | ***       | ***     |  |
| South Mitkof & North Zarembo           | 108-30                     | 17,400    | ***       | ***     |  |
| Southeast Baranof                      | 109-10                     | 28,200    | 15,809    | 12,391  |  |
| Seymour Canal                          | 111-11 and 14              | 257,600   | 175,781   | 81,819  |  |
| Northern Chatham Strait                | 112-16, 17, 63, and 65     | 60,800    | 31,108    | 29,692  |  |
| Baranof, Necker, Crawfish & W Crawfish | 113-31, 32, and 33         | 91,300    | ***       | ***     |  |
| Sitka Sound                            | 113-38 and 41              | 36,200    | 0         | 36,200  |  |
| Peril Strait                           | 113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59 | 231,300   | 209,101   | 22,199  |  |
| Excursion Inlet & Homeshore            | 114-25-002 and 114-80      | 38,100    | 25,173    | 12,927  |  |
| Totals                                 |                            | 1,745,300 | 1,065,379 | 679,921 |  |

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Confidential data

Advisory Announcement web site: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</a>.

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| AWT    | 225-5111  | 772-3983   | 874-3215 | 747-3254 | 465-4000 | 766-2533 | 784-3220 |